Expenditure incurred on advertisement by DESU

4335. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spend by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking on advertisement during 1991-92; and

(b) what is the value of advertisements which have been given to the Newspapers (language-wise) during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) An amount of about Rs. 136.33 lakhs has been spent by DESU on advertisements (including tender notices) during the year 1991-92. The language-wise break-up of amounts spent on advertisements during this period is as under:

Language	Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)
1. English	89·05
2. Hindi	35·92
3. Urdu;	5·73
4. Punjabi	5·63
Total . . .	136·33

Power Projects envisaged under Eighth Plan Period

4336. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power projects which are to be set up in Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the number of power projects to be cleared for Maharashtra State; and

(c) by when they will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) 139 power projects with an aggregate capacity of 30538 MW are to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country.

(b) There is no 8th Plan power project of Maharashtra which is pending with the Central Government for clearance.

(c) Does not arise.

Power Finance Corporation involved in Security SCAM

4337. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Finance Corporation is involved in the security scam some of its officers having indulged in diversion of funds for speculative activities and committed financial irregularities;

(b) if so, what are the names of such officers and the reported irregularities committed by them, the amount involved and action taken thereon;

(c) whether other corporations under the Power Ministry are also involved and if so details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is revising its guidelines to prevent misutilisation of idle funds with the corporations and details of steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) CBI has filed an FIR against three officers of PFC, namely S/Shri M. Prasad, Prahlad Rao and M. Ravi, and certain others, under provisions of the Indian

Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 alleging criminal conspiracy and cheating for obtaining pecuinary advantage in the matter of purchase of Govt. Securities and Public Sector Bonds. According to the FIR, on different occasions, cheques for amounts aggregating Rs. 394.23 crores were issued on a foreign bank instead of on a nationalised bank though the letter was approved by the Board of Directors for investment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power have been instructed to take all necessary precautions to avoid any misutilisation of surplus funds.

Criteria fixed for installation of flourscent bulbs/Tubes by MCD

4338. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria fixed for selecting priority areas for installation of flourscent bulbs/tubes in areas under MCD and the average expenditure involved in each of such installations;

(b) whether Government are aware that some flourscent bulbs/tubes have been installed in the compound of private properties in the area of Civil Lines, Delhi;

(c) if so, details thereof and whether installation of such street lights is permissible;

(d) what is the authority for according approval to the Scheme; and

(e) whether any action is proposed to be taken against officers found guilty of violating the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) DESU provides and maintains street lighting on behalf of the concerned road-owning agency viz. MCD, DDA, Delhi Administration etc. on payment of 100 per cent cost. The present cost of providing various types of street light fittings on existing poles is as under:

Type of fitting	Approximate Cost
(i) One set of 2X40 watt Flourescent Tubes	Rs. 900/-
(ii) 70 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3000/-
(iii) 150 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3200/-
(iv) 250 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3500/-

(b) to (d) MCD has provided four street lighting poles with High Pressure Sodium Vapour Lamps on a common passage of a private "Katra" at No 4, Club Road, Delhi under the approved policy of MCD for providing civic amenities in such areas inhabitated by five or more families. The work was executed by DESU on behalf of MCD with the approval of competent authority.

(e) Does not arise in view of the reply given to parts (b) to (d) of the question above.

ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की विभिन्न परियोजनायें

4339. **डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :

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